## Dear Willows/Rose Hill Neighborhood Resident:

Thank you for attending and participating in the November 5<sup>th</sup> Willows/Rose Hill Neighborhood Annual Review Meeting. The meeting was successful and residents from both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the neighborhood attended. Please find below a summary of the meeting.

### **Background**

As part of the adopted Willows/Rose Hill neighborhood plan, the City of Redmond and a representative neighborhood group agreed to hold a neighborhood meeting once a year to discuss projects or opportunities of concern with the neighborhood and to identify any needed changes to the plan. The meeting agenda included:

- 1. Update on the Conover Commons project.
- 2. Capital improvement spending priorities for the neighborhood.
- 3. Update on NE Rose Hill Annexation Phase I.
- 4. Discussion about on-going communications between the neighborhood and City officials in the form of a Neighborhood Association.

## **Meeting Summary**

- 1. Neighborhood Capital Improvement Spending Priorities: The neighborhood may request funds from the City Council to spend on neighborhood improvements and staff would like to know what the neighborhood's priorities are. There was some interest in neighborhood identification signs and large interest in pedestrian safety and traffic management improvements previously identified in the neighborhood plan. Below is an update on the status of the transportation improvements.
  - 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE (entire right-of-way under the City of Kirkland's jurisdiction)
    The City of Kirkland has prioritized all of its crosswalks and identified those most in need of improvement. At this time, none of the crosswalks on 132<sup>nd</sup> AVE NE adjacent to the NE Rose Hill neighborhood have been identified. However:
  - Kirkland did install flashing pavement markers for the crosswalk on 132<sup>nd</sup> AVE at 100<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Crossing flags are available to anyone living near a crosswalk who wants to be responsible for filling the flag holders. *Contact Dave Godfrey at (425) 828-1214 for more information.*

- Installing a traffic signal at the intersection of 132<sup>nd</sup> AVE NE and 100<sup>th</sup> Street is a project listed in Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan that projects out to the year 2022. At this time warrants (or criteria) have not been met to install the signal. However, Kirkland staff will check the warrants again in 2004/05.
- When projects develop on the east side of 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (City of Redmond), the City supports Kirkland's plan to require sidewalks separated from traffic by a planting strip. Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan also plans for turn lanes, landscaped medians, and additional street trees.
- The City of Kirkland is willing to consider a request for the periodic use of a speed monitoring display board to remind drivers of speed limits on portions of 132<sup>nd</sup> AVE NE between Redmond Way and Mark Twain Park, and near Lake Washington Technical College.

#### Willows Road

- The City of Redmond is considering improvements for increasing pedestrian and bicyclist safety when crossing the street at several locations. This action will result in safer access to businesses, transit stops, and existing and planned trains. Contact Sarah Stiteler at (425) 556-2469 for more information.
- The City of Redmond's Police Department will likely have officers available in January 2004 if a request is made for the use of speed monitoring display boards and enforcement of the speed limit to deter drivers from exceeding speed limits.
- In order to consider changing the speed limit on Willows Road to be consistent, a request must be made to the City Council and a traffic analysis performed.

#### Redmond Way

• Sound Transit will be building a queue bypass for buses on Redmond Way at 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. To-date the Sound Transit Board has approved 30% construction drawings that include a sidewalk on the north side of Redmond Separated by a planter strip. The City of Redmond is working with Sound Transit to extend the sidewalk and planter strip to 140<sup>th</sup>. *Contact Terry Marpert at (425) 556-2428 for more information.* 

# Redmond Way and 142<sup>nd</sup>

There are two potential solutions to improving the intersection of 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Redmond Way: (1) Physically block left-turn movements; or (2) Signalize the intersection. Signalization of the intersection is not likely due to the close proximity of the existing signal at the intersection of Redmond Way and 140<sup>th</sup>.

NE Rose Hill Streets (currently under unincorporated King County's jurisdiction) When NE Rose Hill is annexed to the City of Redmond and new streets are built as part of new development, street improvements will include walkways that are separated from traffic to improve safety for pedestrians.

2. <u>Conover Commons Project</u>: The Willows/Rose Hill Neighborhood Citizens Advisory Committee recommended regulations to allow the City's first Cottage Housing

Development that is now under construction. The Committee also recommended the City and neighborhood review the regulations after the first five Cottage Housing Developments or 40 cottages are developed in the neighborhood, (whichever occurs first) to determine if changes to the regulations are needed. Conover Commons consists of 12 cottages and is located in the northern part of the neighborhood at 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE and 111<sup>th</sup> Street (east side). Site work is now underway.

Some of the meeting attendees were surprised at the potential sales price of the cottages: mid \$300,000. However, the sales price has not changed from what was anticipated by the developer from the beginning. However, the market will likely determine the final sales price and any additional unforeseen costs incurred by the developer during the building process are likely to be included.

- 3. Willows/Rose Hill Neighborhood Association: As discussed in the neighborhood plan, Redmond and a representative neighborhood group should explore formation of a neighborhood association organized and run by the neighborhood with City staff support. Benefits of a neighborhood association include:
  - The ability to more effectively identify/address neighborhood issues by having a representative group.
  - Having a sounding board for issues/ideas generated by the neighborhood and city government.

If you are interested in participating contact Susie Goett at (425) 556-2454.

- 4. NE Rose Hill Annexation Phase I: The City anticipates the annexation of NE Rose Hill to Redmond and is currently working with individuals who have requested to annex to Redmond by collecting signatures on petitions. *Contact Dianna Broadie at* (425) 556-2414 for more information.
- 5. <u>Convenience Commercial Business on Willows Road</u>: A proposal is currently being reviewed for an office and coffee shop development in the existing yellow house on Willows Road near 116<sup>th</sup> adjacent to Medtronics.

For more information or comments please contact Susie Goett at (425) 556-2454 or email <a href="mailto:sgoett@redmond.gov">sgoett@redmond.gov</a>.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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